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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Roberts case will not come up for action in the House before the middle of January. —— A German steamer has been captured as a prize and taken to Durban. —— Chas. W. Slater, of Virginia, arrested on a charge of swindling in New York city. —— The steamer Pelotas, with eight passengers and cargo of coffee, wrecked on the English coast; no loss of life. —— Fire in Chicago caused losses aggregating $950,000. —— A British sealing vessel wrecked near Cherbourg; captain and twelve men drowned. —— French steamer sunk near Brest; seven of the crew lost. —— Freight train on the Southern railroad wrecked near Spartanburg, S. C.; one man killed and another fatally hurt. —— The British made a sortie from Mafeking December 25th, but were repulsed with a loss of 109 killed and wounded. —— Favorable responses have been made by all the European powers to the proposition of the United States to maintain the open door policy throughout China. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 6@7 per cent., last loan at 6 per cent.; cotton—nothing doing, holiday; flour inactive and nominally unchanged; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 75c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 40½c; oats—spot dull No. 2 29c; rosin quiet, strained common to good $1 40; spirits turpentine steady at 51½@53c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 17 degrees; 8 P. M., 27 degrees; maximum, 29 degrees; minimum, 16 degrees; mean, 23 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.41 inches.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 4 5 feet.

JANUARY TEMPERATURE

Compiled from records at the Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C.: Mean temperature, 47 degrees; warmest month that of 1889, with average of 61 degrees; coldest month, 1893, average 33 degrees; lowest temperature, 9 degrees, on the 6th, 1884.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—For North Carolina: Fair Sunday; Monday probably snow; continued cold; light to fresh west to north winds.

Port Almanac--Dec. 31.

Sun Rises	7 13 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 53 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H 40 M
High Water at Southport	6 50 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	10 20 P. M

Plans are being constructed for a $4,000,000, 20-story sky-scraper in New York. A pretty high thing all 'round.

The money order business for the New York postoffice for this year will reach $152,000,000, an increase of $30,000,000 over last year.

A Texas judge has decided that a mortgage on an unplanted crop is null and void. He probably considered it as gambling in futures.

They are having a pretty cool time in Germany too. An arm of the North sea has a bridge of ice on it for the first time in twenty years.

We will have to hold up on our river and harbor improvements for a while until the U. S. Treasury catches up on Philippine war expenses.

Philadelphia could muster a pretty strong force of infantry. There are according to latest census, 188,747 children between the ages of six and sixteen years.

It is said that Mr. McKinley would rather be nominated for another term by the "plain people" than by the politicians. Mark Hanna is "plain" enough for him.

A Kentucky editor advises people never to drink water and most of the people up that way think he knows what he is talking about. They don't drink it unless it is disguised.

It is said that Boer disaffection is spreading rapidly in the British provinces in South Africa. By his proclamation General Delarey is adopting a very good course to fan the disaffection.

Some sailor boys are tough and also born under lucky stars. Hans Hackner, sailing on a German vessel, lost his balance while aloft and fell to the deck, a distance of 153 feet, and wasn't even much bruised.

The St. Louis young man who notified the clerk of court not to issue him a marriage license if he should apply for it, because there was a girl who wanted to marry him and had that he was afraid she would hypnotize him, showed great forethought, but the girl made a lucky escape.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Farewell, 1899.

—The steamer *A. P. Hurt* cleared at 1 30 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the return trip to Fayetteville.

— To-morrow is the birthday of the editor and proprietor. Positively, no flowers, calendars, or New Year's cards.

— The minimum temperature in Wilmington, early yesterday morning, was 16 degrees, at Raleigh and Charlotte, 12.

— The Clyde liner *Richmond* sailed early in the afternoon yesterday for New York. The *Saginaw* is expected Tuesday.

— Creasy Bros. have on exhibition a "Girl from Paris." For fuller information you'll have to call at No. 10 Grace street.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange will be held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

— The STAR regrets that it cannot find room for the annual report of the United Charity Association, covering five pages of manuscript.

— December was a good matrimonial month for the Register of Deeds. During that period licenses were issued to 13 white couples and 20 colored.

— Extensive improvements are under way at the car shed of the Wilmington Street Railway. The tracks are to be raised and new floorings put in.

— The schooner *I. B. Hazard*, Capt. Blatchford, cleared for New York yesterday afternoon with lumber from the Cape Fear Lumber Company.

— Sunday hours will be observed at the Postoffice New Year's day. The carriers' window will be open from 9 to 10 A. M.; stamps and general delivery open from 9 to 10 A. M.

— The schooner *Wm. Linthicum*, Capt. Brannock, has gone in ballast to Georgetown, S. C., after discharging her cargo of fertilizer material at the Carolina Central depot.

— Mr. J. H. Sloan last night cleared the British steamer *Laurelwood*, Capt. Mawer, for Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of 8,865 bales of cotton, valued at $330,750.

— Col. Roger Moore, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, yesterday approved the liquor license applications of those passed upon favorably by the Aldermen.

— The Norwegian barque *Louise* cleared last night with a cargo of 6,150 barrels rosin for Middlesborough. The cargo is by S. P. Shotter & Co., and the vessel by Messrs. Heide & Co.

— A rousing big attendance is desired at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce next Thursday afternoon at 3 30 o'clock at its room in the Seaboard Air Line building.

— Mr. Bolduc, the steeple climber, and his man who are here repairing the steeple of the First Presbyterian Church, finished yesterday afternoon and will leave in a few days for Charleston.

— During the week ended last night only 26 arrests were made by the police, six of the number being of white persons and the remaining colored. It is a remarkably "quiet" record for Christmas week.

— Spirits turpentine placed another advance on the local movement yesternoon, closing at 49@49½ cents. Rosin also took an upward tendency, sales having been reported during the day as high as $1.15@1.20.

— The wood men who have brought down flats from up the river during the past few days, have availed themselves of the cold snap and have advanced prices ten per cent. Dealers, accordingly have had to "run up" prices on the consumer.

— The steamer *E. A. Hawes*, Capt. Smith, arrived in the forenoon yesterday from Clear Run. It is probable that she will tie up here now for a few days as the reaction in shipping after the Christmas holidays will not justify a return trip at once.

— The Streets and Wharves Committee met yesterday to make arrangements for the improvement of Princess street from Front to Third. The details were gone over and the matter will come before the Board of Aldermen at their meeting to-morrow night.

— Hanover Lodge No. 145, I. O. O. F., has elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: S. P. G., A. Bobinson; N. G., F. P. Baldwin; V. G., E. N. Penny; R. S., S. G. Hall; F. S., B. W. Dunham; Treasurer, W. H. Howell. General Relief Committee—E. F. Johnson.

— The usual "first Monday meetings" will be held to-morrow. The County Commissioners will meet in the afternoon; the Aldermen at night, as will also Cape Fear Camp No. 254 U. C. V. Capt. Henry Savage was mailing postals yesterday relative to the Veterans' meeting.

— The Fire Department has experienced much vexation lately on account of the turning in of false alarms from different sections of the city, notably from box 52 from which one came in night before last. In the advertising columns this morning, Mayor Waddell offers a reward of $25 for evidence to convict any person of turning in a false alarm.

The East Carolina Real Estate Agency has excellent facilities for selling farms and timbered lands. It advertises all property and makes only a nominal charge unless a sale is made. For terms etc., address R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C.

THE DOG QUESTION
THE ABSORBING TOPIC.

Large Meeting of Owners at the City Hall Last Night—The Aldermen Asked to Amend the Mad Dog Ordinance.

In pursuance of the call for a meeting of the owners of dogs, a large meeting was held in the city court room at the City Hall last night to consider the best method of protecting the community from dogs during the mad dog scare and to suggest to the Board of Aldermen to change the objectionable ordinance adopted at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday night last.

On motion, Mr. James S. Worth was called to the chair and Mr. H. G. Fennell was made secretary.

Mr. John H. Brown explained the object of the meeting, and made remarks on the question. He also read the following, signed by the physicians named and prepared for submission to the Board of Aldermen:

The following is our opinion with reference to the liability of dogs, restrained of their liberty, to disease.

Close confinement will tend to produce ill health, disease, crossness and savageness of disposition, produce fits and fit the dog for all the conditions that bring about rabies.

W. J. H. BELLAMY, M. D.
G. G. THOMAS, M. D.
JNO. T. SCHONWALD, M. D.
E. S. PIGFORD, M. D.
A. H. HARRISS, M. D.
D. W. BULLUCK, M. D.
W. D. MCMILLAN, M. D.
THOS. S. BURBANK, M. D.

Messrs. J. C. Lodor, C. M. Butler, H. McL. Green, Jno. H. Beery, A. P. Yopp and others expressed views. They were all opposed to the dog ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen, but they were divided in opinion as to the best method to suggest as a substitute for the objectionable ordinance.

Mr. Lodor suggested an amendment to the ordinance, in effect allowing the dogs to run at large when muzzled, and otherwise to be confined at home.

Messrs. Beery and Butler opposed the muzzling of dogs as more objectionable than confining them at home.

Mr. Beery suggested that the ordinance be so amended as to require dogs to be confined at home 15, 30 or 60 days and that all dogs caught on the streets be impounded for 24 hours and if not called for by the time the 24 hours are up, they shall be killed.

Mr. Brown suggested that dogs be confined for 30 days, and thought that no mention should be made as to impounding stray dogs.

Mr. Butler moved that a motion embodying the suggestion to confine dogs 30 days be drafted, signed and presented to the aldermen at their meeting Monday night. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved that a committee of three be appointed to present the resolution and confer with the aldermen. The motion was adopted and Messrs. Jno. H. Brown, H. McL. Green and J. C. Lodor were appointed as the committee.

The resolution was then drawn up and signed as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned citizens, respectfully request and pray that the present dog ordinance be rescinded and instead the following be inserted:

All dogs shall be restrained from frequenting the streets for thirty days, except they be in their owner's or keeper's charge, properly chained.

[Signed] John H. Brown, W. H. Yopp, H. McL. Green, J. E. Tyner, Sam Bordeaux, W. Morris, Robert Otto, P. F. Platt, W. H. Brown, B. F. Reaves, A. H. Holmes, Robt. N. Sweet, D. J. Benson, E. J. Powers, N. S. McLaurin, J. C. Lodor, A. P. Yopp, H. G. Fennell, James H. Taylor, J. H. Burruss, F. Herbst, John H. Beery, C. M. Butler, E. Shepard, C. D. Armstrong, R. A. Burnett, J. E Hall, J. W. Plummer, J. W. Shepard, J. S. Worth, John W. Blomme.

It was agreed to leave copies of the above at the places of business named below, so persons in favor of the action taken can add their names: R. R. Bellamy's drug store, Dr. Wm. H. Green's drug store, James D. Nutt's drug store, The Orton, L. B. Sasser's drug store, The King Grocery Co., M. O'Brien's store, Godfrey Hart's store, M. G. Tiencken's store and H. Bornemann's store.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Winston Visitors.

Some of the members of the Winston team of Elks, who came down to institute Wilmington Lodge No. 532, returned home yesterday. Several remained in the city to spend Sunday. The Winstonians have made a splendid impression in our city, and certain it is they are a lot of thorough going fellows. They will always be warmly welcomed back to Wilmington.

Another Diphtheria Case.

Dr. McMillan yesterday placed a diphtheria quarantine on the residence of Mr. A. G. Hankins, No. 413 North Fifth street. One was lifted at No. 713 South Second street, leaving four now in the city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—$35.00 reward.
Dingelhoef Bros.—Don't.
Creasy Bros.—Girl from Paris.
M. H. Curran—Off with the old.
Mercer & Evans—Douglass shoes.
Vollers & Hashagen.—To friends.
Williams Bros—For the New Year.
F. H. Krahnke—Happy New Year.
J. H. Rheder & Co.—Cold weather.
C. W. Polvogt Co—Happy New Year
S. & B. Solomon.—Save your soles.
Imperial Bargain House—One week.
Geo. R. French & Sons.—Happy New Year.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

John G. Russell—Moved?
P. H. Hayden—Buggies, Harness.

FOOT BALL TO-MORROW.

Preparations Are Complete for the Boys' Brigade and High School Game at Hilton Park.

The Boys' Brigade High School foot ball game to-morrow promises to be an interesting one for all admirers of the sport and with favorable weather conditions a large crowd will witness the contest. Both teams had well attended practices last night and got on to the inside of the finer points of the game.

Included in the line up of both teams will be some of the best material in Wilmington and those who are looking forward to a juvenile game will be agreeably disappointed in finding the team fully up to the standard of others which have battled on the Hilton grid iron this season.

The game will be called promptly at 3 o'clock and the admission will be 25 and 15 cents, the successful team receiving two-thirds of the gate receipts. There will be policemen enough on the grounds to keep the crowd back and an exciting contest may be looked for.

The line up as furnished by the manager of the teams last night, is as follows:

BRIGADE.		HIGH SCHOOL.
Dosher (A.)	le	Jewett
Hall	lt	Thomas
Benson	lg	Culbreth
Ramsay	c	Fisher
Hopkins	rg	Davis
Dosher (W)	rt	Lamb
Dock	re	Genaust
Nixo	qb	Wiggs (Capt.)
Price	rhb	Pinner
McMillan	lhb	Sweeney
Loughlin (Capt)	fb	Turrentine

Brigade Substitutes—Parker, McEntee and Smallbones.

High School substitutes—Green, Montgomery, Bonitz, Thomas, Grant, Duff and Riley.

Umpire—H. Bellamy.
Referee—John D. Bellamy, Jr., 2nd.
Linesmen—Gause and Schulken, (A.)

FUNERAL OF MR. W. H. SMAW.

Remains Will Arrive Here Monday and Burial Will be Tuesday Afternoon.

Mr. T. L. Rowell yesterday received a telegram from Mrs. Lizzie Constantine, sister of Mr. Walter H. Smaw, who died suddenly in Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday, stating that the remains, accompanied by Mrs. Smaw and herself, would arrive here for burial on Monday afternoon at 5.45 o'clock. Mr. Smaw was for a number of years a resident of Wilmington, having been employed in the wholesale grocery business here by Mr. Jas. C. Stevenson. He is well and favorably known by the older residents of Wilmington.

Mr. Rowell will leave Monday morning for Rocky Mount to accompany the remains here, and the funeral will be from his residence, No. 909 Market street, Tuesday afternoon. The interment will be in the family burying ground at Wrightsville.

ANOTHER FIRE AT BURGAW.

Dwelling Owned by Mr. F. T. Croom Destroyed Early Yesterday Morning.

From two correspondents the STAR gathers the following facts concerning a fire which occurred at Burgaw about two o'clock yesterday morning. A residence owned by Mr. F. T. Croom and occupied by Mr. C. M. Futch, was totally destroyed, presumably by fire originating from a defective flue. Mr. Futch and wife barely escaped with their lives as there was a strong northeast gale which fanned the flames, causing the house to burn quickly. Sparks were blown to the roofs of adjacent buildings and but for the effective work of the bucket brigade, the fire might have assumed the proportions of that one two weeks ago. The damage is about $1,000; $800 of which is on the building and $200 on the contents. Mr. Croom had $500 insurance; Mr. Futch had none.

Train Held Up.

Last night a few minutes to 7 o'clock while the Wilmington bound passenger train on the Yadkin branch of the Atlantic Coast Line was nearing Atkinson, Engineer J. P. Monogan was startled by the sudden crashing of the headlight and the extinguishment of the light. He put on brakes and stopped the train to see what was the matter and found that a blue heron or crane had flown headlong into the headlight. The heavy glass globe was broken to flinders, and the big bird was inside the headlight stark dead. Its neck had been broken in several places, every bone in its body was broken and its wings as well.

The occurence delayed the train fifteen minutes, the run from Atkinson being made with a lantern in the headlight.

Mr. C. T. Pinkston, the well known mail agent, brought the heron to the city and last night showed it to the STAR. It measured five feet from tip to tip of wings.

Florida Route.

The Atlantic Coast Line has issued a handsome little booklet entitled "A Day and a Night to Florida." It is descriptive of the superb trains, the New York and Florida Special and the Florida and West Indian Limited which the Coast Line operates from New York to "the balmy sun-kissed fields of the southland." The route is over the Pennsylvania Railroad through Baltimore and the Nation's Capital to Richmond, thence across North and South Carolina to Charleston, over the Atlantic Coast Line. From Charleston the route is over the Plant System to Jacksonville and Port Tampa, and from Jacksonville over the Florida East Coast Railway to St. Augustine, Palm Beach and Miami.

THE GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY DIRECTORS

Reorganization of the Board Yesterday to Carry Out New Deal—Four of the Old Directors Resign.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Wilmington Gas and Electric Light Company was held yesterday afternoon at the company's office on Princess street, near Second.

The object of the meeting was to reorganize to carry out the new deal to which reference was heretofore made in the STAR.

Four of the old board resigned and the following were elected in their stead: Mr. W. W. Randolph, of New York, and Messrs. M. J. Heyer, Hugh MacRae and Junius Davis, of this city. The other members of the board as now constituted are Messrs. E. S. Martin, George R. French and G. Herbert Smith.

The board employed Mr. L. T. Bucklen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a gas expert, to introduce modern cooking and heating gas stoves in this city. Mr. Bucklen arrived here Friday and is stopping at The Orton.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. D. L. McBryde, of Wallace, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. French McQueen, of Clinton, came down to the city yesterday.

— Congressman John D. Bellamy will return to Washington Tuesday night.

— Miss Ella Register, of Cronly, is here on a visit to Mrs. Eva Register, 910 Chesnut street.

— Miss Loula Hawley, of Newark, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jos. E. Bunting.

— Mr. J. H. Mallard, after spending the holidays at home, will take to his commercial touring again to-morrow.

— Mr. E. E. Timmons, a well known young man of Bishopsville, S. C., has taken a position with the J. C. Stevenson Company as travelling salesman. He left yesterday on his initial trip in South Carolina.

— Mr. Wm. McGowen, representing Rusco & Holland's Nashville Students, combined with Gideon's Minstrel Carnival, which will appear at the Opera House Monday evening, January 8th, is in the city making arrangements for the performance.

— The field editor of the STAR was delighted to have a visit yesterday from his old friend, Ed. Smith, now farming near Godwin, but formerly a leading merchant of Wilmington. He was also in business at Moss Neck, Robeson county, during the days of the Lowrey outlaws, and is full of reminiscenses of the bloody deeds of that notorious band.

EDWARDS STILL AT LARGE.

Negro Who Killed Wilson Smith at Navassa Has Not Been Captured.

James Edwards, the negro store keeper, wanted for the killing of Wilson Smith, also colored, at Navassa Station Friday, reference to which was made in these columns yesterday, is still at large, though every effort was made here yesterday to apprehend him.

Dr. Richard J. Price was sent for yesterday to go over and perform an autopsy, which he did in the afternoon, returning last night. Dr. Price says that there was a terrible congestion at the left of and at the posterior part of the brain, which indicated that he had received a violent blow or blows about the head.

Justice F. M. Moore, of Navassa, acted as coroner in the case and empanelled a jury to which Dr. Price reported officially as to the autopsy. Other evidence was also heard, in the light of which the jury found that the deceased came to his death from blows received about the head with an axe-helve in the hands of James Edwards.

Rev. Mr. Smith to Leave.

The Rev. Hay Watson Smith, who has been here since Dr. Hoge left, to supply the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, will preach his farewell sermons this morning and evening. He will leave to-morrow afternoon for Davidson College to attend the marriage of a friend, and then will go to his home in Greensboro to spend several days. He will leave shortly for Little Rock, Ark., where he will be pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Smith has displayed much ability as a preacher while in charge of the First Church here, and it will be remembered that recently he declined a flattering call by the church. There is genuine regret that the time has come for him to depart from this city.

New Factory Steamed Up.

The fires were kindled at the Delgado Cotton Mills on Friday nigh and yeste day the big Corliss engine was tried. Everything worked smoothly. The lower floor of the mill is now heated, and the fires will now be kept going day and night, not even excepting Sunday. It will be about ten days before the machinery in the mills will be set going.

Returned to Gressboro.

Mr. J. C. Murchison has resigned his position as master of trains of the Atlantic Coast Line here, and left last night for Greensboro, where he will be connected with a manufacturing establishment. Much regret is expressed by Mr. Murchison's friends that he is to termilate his residence here.

MARRIAGE AT DAVIDSON.

Miss Janie McBryde and Lieut. A. E. Williams, U. S. A.—Impressive Ceremony—The Attendants.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

DAVIDSON COLLEGE, N. C., December 28.—On Thur day morning at six o'clock a beautiful marriage was solemnized at the Presbyterain Church of this place. The contracting parties were Lieutenant A. E. Williams, U. S. A., of Cienfuegos, Cuba and Miss Janie McBryde, of Davidson.

The bride was beautifully attired in a white silk gown, trimmed with pearl passementerie and lace, and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses and carnations. The attendants, to the strains of Mendelssohn's "wedding march," rendered by Mrs. Paisley, entered the church in the following order: Miss Grace Cockran of Charlotte, by the left aisle; Mr. Augustus McNair of Marion, by the right aisle; Miss Louise Purcell of Red Springs, by the right aisle; Mr. S. Williams of Linden, by the left aisle; crossing in front of the altar. The maid of honor, Miss Nan Flemming, of Raleigh, preceded by the ring-bearer, Master David Worth of Wilmington, (nephew of the bride) entered by the middle aisle. The groom, accompanied by his best man, Mr. D. L. McBryde, of Wallace, N. C., advanced by the middle aisle to the altar, where they stood awaiting the bride, who came next, leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. B. T. McBryde. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Alfred T. Graham.

The church was artistically decorated in white and green. The ushers were Messrs. W. L. Williams and H. M. McBryde and Dr. W. J. Martin.

The bride is a daughter of the late Rev. D. D. McBryde, and a most lovable and accomplished young woman, greatly admired by a host of friends. She is a sister of Mrs. James S. Worth, of Wilmington.

The groom is a son of State Senator W. L. Williams, of Cumberland. He graduated from West Point in 1898, as Second Lieutenant, but was afterwards promoted for exceptional bravery in the charge at San Juan Hill.

The popularity of this happy pair was shown by the many and handsome gifts received.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams left on the 7 o'clock train for Washington, New York and Boston. They will sail for Havana on a United States transport on the 20th of January next.

WOODWARD-WARREN COMPANY.

Will Begin a Week's Engagement at the Opera House To-morrow Night.

The sale for seats to the Woodward Warren Company which will commence its engagement of one week at the Opera House to-morrow night is large and every indication points to one of the largest audiences that has assembled to witness a theatrical performance in some time.

Judging from the reputation that this attraction enjoys here, it is but just that such a reception should be accorded them. Woodward and Warren have been coming to Wilmington for several seasons and have always fulfilled their promises made to the public by giving the best entertainment for the money of any of the shows. While this company has always enjoyed the reputation of having every thing up-to-date, this season, it is said, far excels any previous one, from a point of perfection in detail and other matters that go to make a first class organization. The specialty programme is very fine and contains a number of pleasing musical numbers which will be rendered by the different members of the company.

Three Bank Changes.

Mr. Lee H. Battle, who resigned his position as cashier of the Atlantic National Bank several weeks ago to become cashier of the City National Bank of Greensboro, will leave this morning for his new post of duty, going by way of Durham to join his family before removing to Greensboro.

Mr. H. Lacy Hunt, who has for some time been very acceptably acting as cashier at the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, has become acting cashier at the Atlantic Bank and Mr. Charles E. Taylor, Jr., has succeeded him at the Savings Bank.

Death of Mrs. W. B. Harker.

A special to the Raleigh *News and Observer* from Maxton, under date of December 29th, says:

Mrs. W. B. Harker, one of Maxton's most devoted Christian women, died to-day at 2.30 o'clock. Her death, though not entirely unexpected, was yet sad, bringing sorrow to the hearts of a host of friends. She was probably 50 years old, and a devoted member of the Baptist church. She leaves a husband and three sons, who have the sympathy of many friends in this their hour of sorrow.

Y. M. C. A. New Year's Reception.

The STAR acknowledges, from Mr. W. R. Taylor, chairman of the Social Committee of the Y. M. C. A., an invitation to attend the New Year's reception which will be given to the members and friends of the Association from 8 to 10 o'clock on Monday evening in the Association building, on Front street.

Week of Prayer.

Commencing to-day a week of prayer will be observed by the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace M. E. Church. Services will be held each day during the week by the ladies, and to-night Rev. J. N. Cole will preach a special sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Not Such a Push.

The absence of the usual Saturday night "push" around the market house and on Front and Market streets, was remarked upon by several observant persons last night. The reaction from heavy holiday shopping has set in.

MARRIED.

JEWETT-CARPENTER—At home, in the city of Wilmington, Wednesday, December 13, 1899, MISS ISABEL R. daughter of Mr. Alfred Carpenter, to MR. STEPHEN JEWETT.

New Year's Greeting.

GREAT REDUCTIONS IN PRICES in SUITS and OVERCOATS.

FISHBLATE CLOTHING COMPANY,
Masonic Temple.
dec 31 2t

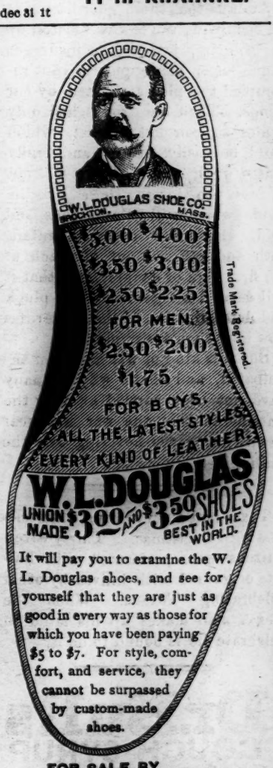
1822 1900
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
To All Our Friends and Customers.
GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS.
dec 31 1t

Sweet Oranges.
All Kinds Nuts.
Very low Prices on Xmas Fruits, at
J. B. & J. C. KING.
dec 14 tf

GIRL FROM PARIS.
An up-to-date Cigar. We claim that it is equal, if not superior, to any other 5-cent Cigar on the market. This Cigar is a new one in this market but is immensely popular in other cities, both North and South, where it has been introduced. If you enjoy a good smoke try "Girl From Paris." For sale by retailers generally.
CREASY BROS.
Distributors for the State of North Carolina.
No. 10 Grace street,
dec 31 1w Wilmington, N. C.

DON'T THROW YOUR OLD GLASSES AWAY
No matter how badly they are broken. We will repair or duplicate them. Our patients are all well pleased. We can please you and give you perfect sight and comfort.
DINGELHOEF BROS.,
dec 31 tf SCIENTIFIC OPTICIANS, Parlor No. 1-3 Market street.

Wishing Everybody a Happy New Year and Success in Trade.
RESPECTFULLY,
F. H. KRAHNKE.
dec 31 1t



It will pay you to examine the W. L. Douglas shoes, and see for yourself that they are just as good in every way as those for which you have been paying $5 to $7. For style, comfort, and service, they cannot be surpassed by custom-made shoes.

FOR SALE BY
MERCER & EVANS,
115 Princess street.
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TO OUR FRIENDS:

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our customers and assure them of our appreciation of their favors in the past year, and trust our dealings will merit a share of your business for the coming year. We will continue to handle high grade goods, and give close attention to your orders and prompt shipments. And wishing you the "Compliments of the Season,"

We are,
Yours, respectfully,

Vollers & Hashagen,
WHOLESALE PROVISIONS.
dec 31 tf

FOR THE NEW YEAR

We will offer to the trade at the Lowest Prices,
Selected brands of Flour, Water Ground Meal, Soap, Sugar, Starch,
and other Standard Groceries, including
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.
Thanking our customers for their past favors, we shall by satisfactorily supplying their wants, endeavor to merit their continued support.
RICE STRAW.
WILLIAMS BROS.,
dec 31 tf 16 and 18 North Water street.

OPERA HOUSE
One week Commencing Monday, Jan. 1st.
The return of the Favorites,
The Woodward-Warren Co.
Prices, 10, 20, 30 cents.
Monday night, the Great Five Act Comedy Drama,
"BEYOND THE CITY."
Ladies free Monday night when accompanied by a paid 30-cent ticket purchased before 6 P. M.
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HAMME, THE HATTER,

Comes to the front with thanks to his "Friends" and the public for the good Xmas trade, and begs their patronage for 1900. Last-st styles and lowest prices.
dec 30 tf No. 36 North Front street.

$25.00 REWARD.

A reward of twenty-five dollars will be paid for evidence sufficient to convict any person of turning in a false alarm of fire in this city.
A. M. WADDELL,
dec 31 2t. Mayor.

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday $10 a year, $5 for six months, $2.50 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days $1.75; three days $2.50; four days $3.00; five days $3.50; one week $4.00; two weeks $6.50; three weeks $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve months, $80.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

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All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society meetings, Political Meetings &c, will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

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Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week two-thirds of daily rate.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31.

THE NATIVES DISTRUST US.

Prof. Schurman, President of the Philippine commission, has written an article for the New York *Independent* entitled "Our Duty to the Philippines." The sum and substance of this article is that it is our duty to civilize, Christianize and teach those people the art of self-government. He does not mean to assert that there are no civilized, Christian Filipinos for he says there are many, and among them some very bright, intelligent and well educated people, especially on the island of Luzon and in the city of Manila, which is a cosmopolitan city; but among the forty or fifty different tribes which inhabit the islands, each speaking a different language, there is a wide field for the civilizer and the missionary. He begins his article with the following information, which may give some vague idea of what civilizing and Christianizing such a varied assortment of "half child and half devil" people means:

"We have forty to fifty tribes to civilize, and seven or eight of these tribes have some 300 000 members each On the island of Luzon there is one tribe of a million and a half people, who speak one language, as totally distinct from the other languages as Spanish is from English. Another tribe on the same island, numbering about 600,000, is as distinct from the other in language and characteristic as they are from the Spaniards themselves. Then on the great island of Mindanao there are many tribes that are entirely different from each other. In the Sulu Archipelago we come to another class of natives, about whose custom of slavery so much has been said recently. These are Mohammedans, while in Luzon the natives are all Catholic Christians.

"Missionaries are needed in the island, and I hope they will be sent there in large numbers. There is plenty of work for them to do, and I hope they will go with a complete understanding of the situation, to accomplish good. They must realize that they are contending with a Catholic educated population that knows nothing about the fine differences between Protestant sects and denominations Therefore, it would be highly impolitic to send missionaries of different denominations to confuse the minds of the people. I do hope that when we send the missionaries we will decide beforehand on one form of Protestant Christianity. Send only one type of missionary. The Filipinos will then have Catholic Christianity and Protestant Christianty presented to them so they can make their choice. We have no adaquate idea how confusing to the simple minds of an uncivilized people the different forms of Protestant faith appear. The Chinese, who are perhaps more intelligent than the Filipinos, regard our different denominations as so many different religions

"I think the island of Mindanao is a more promising for field missionaries to begin work in than Luzon. The influence of the Catholic Church has not been extended to Mindanao and the simple natives would more readily accept the type of faith which the Americans would teach to them. It is possible that it would be dangerous to send missionaries to the interior of this island at present, but as conditions become more settled and the Americans are looked upon with a more friendly feeling this place will be a rich field for the American missionary. We owe it to the Filipinos to give them the best in our religion as well as in our education."

Speaking of the leaders of the insurgents he says:

"I do not say that all the insurgent leaders were dishonest. I believe that many of those who fought against the Americans were animated by the highest idea of loyalty to independence. I think probably Aguinaldo is one of this class and that he is an honest man."

Of course not. When the Filipinos who have been and still are fighting us with the very same motive that they fought Spain, that is for the right to rule themselves, they were patriots whose honesty of purpose was never questioned. They were applauded and thought worthy of all honor, but when they objected to our taking the place of Spain and ruling them without their consent and took up arms to maintain their right to rule themselves, as they had done against Spain, and in which they had the co-operation of our warships and soldiers, then we called them what Spain called them "rebels," and their leaders whom we had hailed as patriots became selfish schemers to advance their own fortunes. It makes a good deal of difference whose ox is gored and what ox does the goring.

One of the principal difficulties against which we will have to contend in civilizing and Christianizing the inhabitants of the Philippines, Prof. Schurman thinks, is the native distrust of the white man, especially, he might have added, of the American white man.

"One reason for the stubborn opposition to our occupation of the Philippines was a legacy of suspicion and hatred for the white man which Spain bequeathed to us. The Filipinos know the white race only by one suspicion. Spain to them represents the whole world of Europeans—the whole white race—and her authorities made promises repeatedly to them and broke them. They will not to day trust Americans or Spaniards, or any other Europeans. This distrust of the white race is one of the problems that will require years of labor to overcome. You cannot overcome it with mere words. It must be dissipated by actual works; they must have ocular demonstration that the word of the Americans can be relied upon. Not until then will they begin to believe us. Consequently I have urged it on Congress and the President to set up civil government in the Philippines just as soon as the military condition warrants it. A simple government is what is needed, and every province should have it, so they can learn the meaning of our promises and intentions. The President is in possession of the fullest information about the needs and condition of the islands, and he can judge better than we can what is the best thing to do. But as soon as a province is subdued some civil government should be set up, so that its operations before their eyes will teach them of its benefits."

There may be and doubtless is distrust of the white man, but there are very few of the brown skin people who do not distrust the white man, whom they look upon as a sharper who will stand a good deal of watching. There is, however, probably little more distrust of the white man in the Philippines than there is of the white man in Cuba, Central and South America, among the masses of the people, who have little use for the white man, unless they expect to profit by his presence. As a general thing they do not like the white man, and therefore distrust him.

But there is very good cause for this distrust among the Filipinos. When our war fleet arrived at Manila, and the Filipinos, under Aguinaldo, co operated with it, they trusted Americans, and placed implicit faith in what the men who represented this country told them. That trust was not shaken until they discovered that the men in power at Washington were scheming to get possession of the islands, and were ignoring the promises of their representatives and breaking faith with the Filipinos to do it. Then they began to distrust us, and when that $20,000,000 land deal was hastily made by our representatives on the peace commission, they saw that they had good grounds for their distrust, and so did everybody else. We simply broke faith with them, broke it shamefully and outrageously, and, although we may finally subdue them, we can never regain their confidence, and they will always distrust us. They would be more than human, or incredibly simple if they didn't.

A GUERILLA WAR.

Gen. Otis has reported that what he calls organized opposition in the Philippines is practically crushed, and that there is nothing now that might be called an insurgent army; but the organized armies seem to have disbanded and formed guerilla bands, which, if they are determined, can give more trouble than the organized armies did. An organized army can be whipped, but you never know when a guerilla is whipped. He is never whipped until killed or caught.

They may not give the towns which can be easily reached by troops much trouble, but in the rough country, remote from lines of transportation and good roads, of which there are very few in the Philippines, they can run riot and be masters of all they survey. A wild cat in the jungle is harder to fight and can give more trouble than a lion in the open.

The dispatches published yesterday tell us that these guerilla bands are occupying the towns vacated by our soldiers, just as the insurgent armies after being put to rout reoccupied the places vacated by our troops. Then our troops had only armies to contend against, which could be easily located and easily routed when located, but it will not be easy to locate these guerilla bands, which will be numerous and bold, who know every mountain path and can get out of reach at the first sign of danger, and that it will depend altogether on the pluck and determination of these guerillas how long such a war may last.

But this kind of war has been anticipated, and that's why so many have not been carried away by the statements that the war was near its end and peace hovering over the Philippines.

Texas had a rip-roaring time celebrating Christmas. Thirty-seven citizens were perforated with bullets or gashed with knives by other celebrating Texans. When the Texas man makes up his mind to celebrate he is bound to do it.

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP

Cures Croup and Whooping-Cough

Unexcelled for Consumptives. Gives quick, sure results. Refuse substitutes.

Dr. Bull's Pills cure Biliousness. Trial, 20 for 5c.

A WAY TO PREVENT STRIKES.

Several years ago the management of the Illinois Central Railway which now operates a line from Chicago to New Orleans, adopted a system by which employes of the road could become share holders, and thus share in the profits of the road, which is one of the best paying roads in this country. The system has worked admirably, and since its adoption there has never been a strike on that road.

The Pennsylvania road, another of the great and well managed systems of this country, has adopted the plan of pensioning and retiring its employes who have been with it continuously and have reached a stated age. They are retired and receive in pensions a percentage of the pay they received previous to retirement, enough to take care of them in comfort. The result of this is that men seek employment on that road, and endeavor to hold it by giving attention to and taking an interest in the business of the company that employs them. There will be few strikes on that road.

The Milwaukee Gas Company has adopted the profit sharing system with its employes, giving each employe who has been in its service a year or more a percentage of profits earned. The result is that those employes take an interest in the business of the company and labor to promote it because they feel that the company takes some interest in them, and they feel, too, that in furthering the interest of the company they are benefitting themselves.

The profit-sharing system has been adopted by a number of mercantile and other houses and everywhere it has been tried, as far as known, it has worked well. It brings the employer and employed nearer together and makes the relations between them more cordial.

DIDN'T COUNT THE COST.

When the Washington administration decided to grab the Philippines and forcibly annex those islands to this country it didn't count the cost either in life or money. If it had it would doubtless have decided to let the people of those islands work out their own destiny without any powder and ball "help" from us. So far it has cost us about $150,000,000, over a thousand lives lost, and several thousand more incapacitated for life by wounds or disease. And the end is not yet.

When the war shouters in England demanded war with the Boers in South Africa they didn't count the cost, for already they have lost more than a thousand men killed and wounded and have about six thousand prisoners in the hands of the enemy. It is estimated now that it will cost $200,000,000, but there is no estimate of the lives it will cost.

How brutal and cold-blooded it sounds to hear them figuring on the dollars that will be sunk and giving no thought to the lives that will be lost and the homes that will be left desolate by a war that might have been avoided and which was forced upon both countries to further the schemes of men who were looking to their own interests and were determined to promote them at this fearful cost of blood and treasure. Nations seldom count the cost when they unsheath the sword and unleash the dogs of war.

The cause of the bubonic plague and famine in India and the British reverses in South Africa has been discovered. Hindu astrologers have been peering into the stars and found that the junction of the planets on the 15th of November, when seven of them crowded into the domain of Scorpio, is responsible for it.

Phil Armour tried his hand as brakeman on a railroad when he was starting out for himself, but at the end of four days the conducter informed him that "he was too big a fool to make a good railroader." On this hint he dropped the brakes, struck out for something else and finally landed in the meat business He had sense enough to run that.

— She (approvingly)—"You won her hand then?" He (rather glumly)—"Humph—I presume so. I'm under her thumb."

No Right To Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has consumption or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run down invalid. Only 50 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

Electric Belt on Trial.

To introduce it and obtain agents, the undersigned firm will send a few of their Electric Belts on trial on the following terms: $1.00 to be paid in ten days if the Belt proves beneficial, and the balance, $2.00, to be paid in sixty days if the Belt effects a cure. These Belts are a positive cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Kidney trouble, Stomach and Liver trouble, Asthma, etc. Address at once

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BIDE YOUR TIME.

When fortune treats you slightingly
And everything goes wrong,
Remember that you still are free
To labor and be strong.
To him who bravely does his part
Misfortune is no crime,
Just hold your grip and keep up heart
And learn to bide your time.

The surest road to greatness lies
Through hard and patient work,
The glorious name that never dies
Comes not unto the shirk.
Fame sits upon an eminence,
A pinnacle sublime.
He who would win must seek her thence,
Strive on and bide his time.

The man of hope and energy,
Who keeps one goal in sight,
Who goes his way with constancy,
Will some time win the fight.
The man whose life a glory lends
To every age and clime,
Is he whose purpose never bends,
Who works and bides his time.

Go onward. O'er the future's hills,
The dawn falls cool and sweet.
Go onward. He can win who wills
And bows not to defeat.
Go onward, though your path may lie
Through calumny and slime.
The way will brighten by and by.
Go on and bide your time.

And when the fight at last is o'er,
The toil at last is done;
When standing on life's farther shore,
Beneath her setting sun;
Beyond the future's unbarred gate,
The bells of heaven chime;
And justice, love and glory wait
For him who bides his time.

Denver News.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— All that one can say is, that life is opportunity.—*Longfellow.*

— Hope is always as much better than fear, as courage is superior to cowardice.

— Pardon is voluntary forgetfulness, while forgetfulness is involuntary pardon.—*Stahl.*

— Every one must wear out one pair of fool's shoes, if he wear out no more.—*German Proverb.*

— "But for some trouble and sorrow, we should never know half the good there is about us."—*Dickens.*

— No worthy enterprise can be done by us without continual plodding and wearisomeness to our faint and sensitive abilities—*Milton.*

— Cheerfulness is, in the first place, the best promoter of health. Repining and secret murmurs of heart give imperceptible strokes to those delicate fibres of which the vital parts are composed.—*Addison*

— The thoughts that come often unsought and, as it were, drop into the mind, are commonly the most valuable of any we have, and therefore should be secured, because they seldom return again.—*Locke.*

— We are often blind to our nearest and greatest blessings. The prophet's lack of honor in his own country is not his fault. That which is far off or that which comes to another and not to us we look upon as better than that we have. Our home church, our Bibles our own home and family—do we properly value them, or do we wish we were differently situated? Those dearest to us have sometimes to go among strangers to find due appreciation.

— Life in sin is barren. It stunts all worthy growth. It blights others. But God says he will be like dew to the soul that returns to Him penitent. Your life may yet become beautiful like the lily, graceful as the olive tree, strong and fragrant like the cedar of Lebanon. There is hope still for the sinner, diseased and devoured by the cancer of sin. Turn to God, He has made many a blackened life bloom into beauty. I could give such biographies. Any minister, many a layman could do it. It is not too late, but it may be to-morrow.—*A. E Dunning,*

TWINKLINGS.

— Cruel Monster: "Why did I ever marry?" she sighed, with the dregs of bitterness in her words. "Because I asked you," he responded with a sardonic smile.

— Little Clara was getting ready to go for a walk with her mother, and being asked if her hands were clean, she said: "Not very. Shall I wash them or put on my gloves?"

"Now, Johnny," said the Sunday school teacher to a small pupil, "we have read the story of Joseph. What great wrong did his brothers do?" "They sold him too cheap," replied the youthful financier.

— "I know what you want. Mr. Spoonamore," said Johnny. "You want to kiss Mabel." On which account the sorely tried young woman dared not send the impudent youngster out of the room."—*Chicago Tribune*

— "Your papa is a very funny man, is he not," asked the visitor of the humorist's little daughter. "I guess strangers think he is," replied the little miss, "but we are used to him and don't worry about it any more."

— I wish Santa Claus would bring me a new doll," said four-year old Mabel. "Why, dear," said her mother, "your old doll is just as good as ever." "Well, I'm as good as ever, too," replied Mabel, "but the angels brought you a new baby."

— Willie, aged five, had been imparting to the minister the information that his father had got a new set of teeth. "Indeed!" said the good man, patronizingly, "and what is he going to do with his old ones?" "Oh," replied Willie, "I s'pose mamma will cut them them down and make me wear them."

— Ida—"Do you remember that girl who went to see a Gypsy and asked what kind of hair her future husband would have?" May—"Yes" Ida—"And the Gypsy said she was almost baffled; that the cards indicated he would have hair of every shade imaginable?" May—"Yes." Ida—"Well, the fortune came true. She has just married a dealer in wigs."

— Newton *Enterprise*: The bird dogs, which have become a positive nusiance, got about all the choice turkeys in this country, leaving only Hobson's choice for the Christmas tables.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1 00 Trial bottles 10 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Sun:* Five stores and one dwelling were burned at Troy on the 22nd. The fire was discovered in the store of J. N. Robinson & Co., and it is supposed that a combination of rats and matches started the conflagration.

— Laurinburg *Exchange:* A few days ago Messrs. Phillips and Smith sustained a loss of about $150, resulting from a fire at their mill. Since then, or last week, they have had the misfortune to lose their plaining outfit by fire and the loss will be fully $1,000.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Lieutenant Governor C A. Reynolds, who is superintending the work power near Ashe-Asheville, tells the *Sentinel* that the big enterprise is more than half completed. He and the owners are well pleased with the progress made on the big plant.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: An awful tragedy was enacted Tuesday near Adelaide postoffice in Rockingham county. While fooling with a pistol T. W. Small accidently killed his sweetheart. She was about 17 yea s of age. Realizing what he had done and frenzied with grief and excitement, Small attempted to take own life. Both parties are well known.

— Monroe *Enquirer*: Mr. Thomas Crowell, a guard at the pest house, found a prowler too near said house last Tuesday night, and not being able to make him halt shot him. The shot entered the fellow's arm and made a painful, though not serious, wound. Marion Belk, colored, is the one who is reaping the reward of his folly in trying to pass the boundary line.

— Nashville *Graphic:* Last Saturday night a white man named George House, happened to singular accident which cost his life. During the afternoon he imbibed pretty freely in bug juice, and in a thoroughly intoxicated state, started for home in the country. In some manner he fell from the cart into the wheel and his head almost severed from the body. At first it was thought there had been foul play but upon investigation it was found that his death was an accident. We learn that the deceased leaves a wife and several children.

— Statesville *Landmark*: The prisoners confined in the iron cage on the third floor of the jail had planned an escape last week, but their plot was revealed by Pres Salmons, a prisoner. One of the prisoners sent his coat to a female prisoner to be mended, and in this way secured a corset stay, with which they intended to file the iron bars of their cage, overpower the jailor when he came up and thus escape. But Salmons informed Jailer Thompson before they had made any headway. One Harmon, of Alexander county, who is confined here for safe keeping, was the leader in the plot.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Secretary Gage is one of the few public men who has the courage to correct an error. He committed a grievous mistake in first designating a single bank in New York city as the depository for a million dollars a day from internal revenue, instead of diffusing it in the national depositories throughout the country.—*Philadelphia Times, Ind.*

—— It is very probable that a threat of American refusal to acquiesce in the partition of Samoa had more to do with Germany's decision to keep away from the Danish West Indies that the citizens of the Monroe doctrine did. The Monroe doctrine has had a large section of its foundation demolished since the war with Spain began.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

—— The British press censorship in South Africa has been abandoned, but Otis seems to be more determined than ever that the people of the United States shall not know the truth of the Philippine situation if he can help it. Otis is a firm believer in the theory that the censor's pen is mightier than the sword and in his case it probably is. *Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— If the harsh criticism of the conduct of the Secretary of the Treasury in his unwise effort to ease the money market had been directed against the system of finance which he is called upon to administer rather than against the good faith and judgment of the Secretary himself they would have more nearly hit the mark and might have been more effective for good. The ability and honesty of Secretary Gage are not open to doubt.—*Philadelphia Record Dem.*

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

W. & W. Railroad—3 bales cotton, 5 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—110 bales cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine, 245 barrels rosin, 155 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—2 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine.

C. C. Railroad—3 casks spirits turpentine, 19 barrels tar, 44 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—5 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 147 barrels rosin, 140 barrels tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—8 casks spirits turpentine, 150 barrels rosin, 111 barrels tar.

Schooner Ruth J—4 casks spirits turpentine, 70 barrels rosin, 4 barrels tar, 34 barrels crude turpentine.

Schooner Minnie Ward—1 bale cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 32 barrels rosin, 91 barrels tar.

C Larkin's Flat—8 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 121 bales; spirits turpentine, 48 casks; rosin, 644 barrels; tar, 533 barrels; crude turpentine, 79 barrels.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Thomas' Church: First mass, 7 A. M.; high mass and sermon, 10.30 A. M.; vespers, 7 45 P. M.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor. English services to day at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 30 P. M.

St. James Church, Sunday after Christmas: Services, 11 A. M., morning prayer, sermon, ante communion; 5 P. M., evening prayer; Sunday school, 3:45 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

Services in St. John's Church today, Sunday after Christmas, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Holy communion, 7.15 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock; evening prayer, 4 30 o'clock. Sunday school 3.30 P. M.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock. No service at night. Sunday school at 9 30 A. M. All seats free and every one welcome.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell pastor. 11 A. M., Rev. G. L. Finch will preach; at 7.30 P. M., sermon by the pastor, "The Last Day and the Last Hour." An after meeting will follow the regular services to ring out the old year and ring in the new.

"To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,
Creep on in petty space from day to day
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way of dusky death."

Procrastination is the thief of health as well as the thief of time. There are few things in which procrastination is so much indulged as in letter writing. We mean to write, but "to-morrow and to-morrow creep on" and we neglect it. This is bad enough when the correspondence is social or business in its character, but when it concerns the vital issue of health it is infinitely worse.

This touches *you*, if you are one of the women who have felt inclined to take advantage of Dr. Pierce's offer of a consultation by letter, *free*. You have studied the evidence which shows how other women have been cured. You cannot doubt but that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription does cure diseases peculiar to women; irregularity, ulcerations, inflammations, bearing-down pains. You cannot doubt it, because of the force of the testimony of hundreds of thousands of weak women made strong, and sick women made well, and you mean to write—to-morrow.

Write to-day. Your letter will be read in private, its contents guarded as a sacred confidence, and an answer promptly mailed you in a plain envelope without any printing upon it. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

"When I wrote you about my ailments I was living in Richland, Iowa," writes Mrs. M. Vastine, of 647 South Liberty Street, Galesburg, Ill. "I took six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, four of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and four vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Before I had taken four bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription' I was a new woman. I cannot make pen describe my heartfelt gratitude, but will confirm the truth of all I say if those who write inclose stamped envelope for reply."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are a natural aid to beauty. They clear the complexion.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged

BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute	6½@	6¾
Standard	6¾@	6¾
Burlaps	5 @	15½
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	12½ @	15
Sides ℔ ℔	5¾@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔	@	6
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	6 @	6½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	@	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 15 @	1 20
New New York, each	@	1 35
New City, each	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	@	25
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	18 @	20
Northern ℔	27 @	30
CORN MEAL—		
Per bushel, in sacks	46 @	47½
Virginia Meal	@	47½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	@	1 10
CANDLES—℔ ℔—		
Sperm	18 @	25
Adamantine	8 @	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—		
Northern Factory	16 @	18
Dairy Cream	@	18
State	14 @	15
COFFEE—℔ ℔—		
Laguyra	13 @	16
Rio	8 @	11
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard	@	5¾
Yarns ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s	@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen	18 @	20
FISH—		
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75 @	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	@	3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5 @	10
Extra	4 25 @	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—		
Low grade	@	3 00
Choice	@	3 50
Straight	3 75 @	3 90
First Patent	4 25 @	4 50
GLUE—℔ ℔	12½@	15
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bgs—White	52 @	53¼
Car-load, in bgs—White	@	50
Oats, from store	38 @	40
Oats, Rust Proof	@	45
Cow Peas	60 @	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—		
Green salted	@	6½
Dry flint	10 @	12¼
Dry salt	@	19
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s		
Clover Hay	85 @	90
Rice Straw	40 @	50
Eastern	80 @	85
Western	80 @	85
North River	80 @	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	3½@	4
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	6 @	6½
North Carolina	8 @	10
LIME ℔ barrel	1 15 @	1 25
LUMBER (edge sawed) ℔ M ft—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00 @	30 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00 @	15 00
Common mill	5 00 @	6 50
Fair mill	7 00 @	8 00
Prime mill	8 50 @	10 00
Extra mill	10 00 @	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hogshead	@	35
Barbadoes, in barrels	@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28 @	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	25 @	30
Sugar House, in hogsheads	13 @	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14 @	15
Syrup, in barrels	15 @	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 50 @	3 00
PORK ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	10 00 @	10 50
Rump	@	9 50
Prime	@	9 00
ROPE ℔ ℔	10 @	12
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum	@	1 35
Liverpool	90 @	95
American	85 @	90
On 120 ℔ Sacks	@	60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00 @	6 00
Common	1 60 @	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50 @	2 75
SUGAR ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5½@	5¾
Standard A	4½@	5
White Extra C	@	4¾
Extra C, Golden	@	4¼
C, Yellow	@	4¼
SOAP ℔ ℔—Northern	3½@	6
STAVES, ℔ M—W O, barrel	6 00 @	14 00
R O, Hogshead	@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00 @	10 00
Mill, Prime	7 50 @	9 75
Mill, Fair	6 50 @	7 00
Common Mill	5 00 @	6 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 50 @	5 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed		
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50 @	8 50
" Sap	5 00 @	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 00 @	3 50
" Sap	2 00 @	2 50
6x24 Heart	5 00 @	6 50
" Sap	3 00 @	3 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00 @	2 00
North Carolina	1 00 @	00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	14 @	15

Appearances Often Deceive.

Mrs. Gobbs—I think it very strange that your friend Dobbs never married.

Mr. Gobbs—Oh, you don't know Dobbs. He isn't half such a fool as he looks.—New York Weekly.

A Victim at First Sight.

"My wife has ruled me ever since our marriage."

"You're a lucky dog; my wife has ruled me ever since I first laid eyes on her."—Detroit Free Press.

Indispensable.

"Why did you have your telephone put back again, Mrs. Jimper?"

"Now that my daughter is engaged she can't get along without it."—Chicago Record.

CLEAN PURE HAIR

comes from the use of the famous

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Scalp Cleaner, and with perfect cleanliness comes beauty.

Mrs. N. J. Bell, Box 60, University Place, Omaha, Neb., writes: "Every head should be shampooed frequently with this wholesome remedy."

After each shampoo, when the hair is thoroughly dry, the scalp should be treated with Seven Sutherland Sisters' Hair Grower. *Sold by all druggists.*

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

STAR OFFICE, Dec 30

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 49½ cents per gallon for machine made casks and 49 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.15 per barrel for strained and $1.20 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.25 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady at $1.60 per barrel for hard, $2.80 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 43¼@42¾c; rosin, firm at 97½c@$1.02½; tar firm at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1.30 @2.30, $3.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	48
Rosin	644
Tar	533
Crude turpentine	79

Receipts same day last year.—46 casks spirits turpentine, 211 bbls rosin, 123 bbls tar, 43 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 13 16 cts	℔ lb
Good ordinary	6¾	" "
Low middling	6 13 16	" "
Middling	7¼	" "
Good middling	7¾	" "

Same day last year middling 5¾c.

Receipts—121 bales; same day last year, 49.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, $1.05c. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm: 52 to 52½ cents per bushel for white,

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch. $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Money on call was steady at 6@7 per cent., last loan at 6 per cent., ruling rate — per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm; actual business in bankers' bills at 487¼@487½ for demand and 481¾@482 for sixty days. Posted rates 482½@483 and 488½. Commercial bills 480¼@480¾. Silver certificates 58½@59½. Bar silver 59½. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds irregular. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong. U. S. 2's, reg'd, 102½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 110; do. coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 133¼; do. coupon, 133¾; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 114; do coupon, 115; U. S. 5's, registered, 112¾; do. coupon, 112¾; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 107; Southern Railway 5's 108½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 59½; Chesapeake & Ohio 31; Manhattan L 96½; N. Y. Central ex div. 131½; Reading 18½; do. 1st preferred 52½; St. Paul 117½; do. preferred 172; Southern Railway 11¼; do. preferred 54½; American Tobacco, 98½; do. preferred 135; People's Gas 104¾; Sugar 128½; do. preferred 113; T. C. & Iron 83¾; U. S Leather 15¼; do. preferred 73½; Western Union 85½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, December 30.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 40. Spirits turpentine steady at 51½ @52c

SERIES NO. 19.

Mechanics' Home Association.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE ORDERED SERIES NINETEEN TO BE ISSUED.

Payments will begin on Saturday 6th January, 1900. This Association is one of the largest and most successful in the State; controlling ample capital we are always able to accommodate our stockholders. Subscription list is now open at the office of

NATHL. JACOBI, President.

W. M. CUMMING, Secretary.

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THE BEE HIVE.

THE LOT CONSISTS OF

All kinds of Hats, Plumes, Tips, Feathers, Ornaments, Infants' Caps, &c. We bought them very much below regular value, and we are selling them wonderfully cheap. You are invited to come and look over the lot and make selections. If you look you will buy at

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W. H. GAYLORD'S New Clothing Department is the place to go to get anything that Men or Boys wear. We have just gotten in a fine new line of Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Shirts, Neckwear, Underwear, McIntoshe, Umbrellas, &c. We are at No. 115 South Front street, two doors from The Bee Hive. Give us a call.

W. H. GAYLORD.

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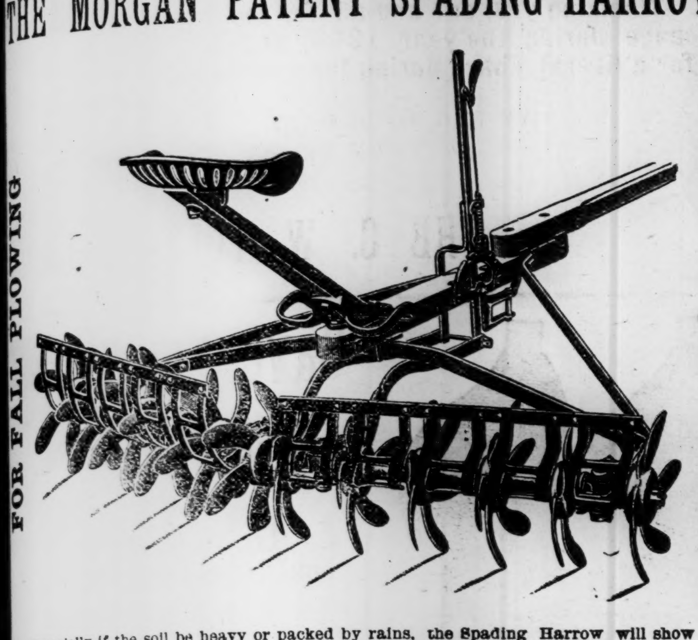

Guaranteed to give Satisfaction.

Especially if the soil be heavy or packed by rains, the Spading Harrow will show its great superiority over all others. For deep and fine cultivation no other Harrow equals it.

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Purcell Building, Wilmington, N. C.

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The National Bank of Wilmington,

Wilmington, N. C.
JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, PRES.

The National Bank of Wilmington was organized in June, 1894; has paid out $24,000 00 in dividends, and passed $19,000.00 to surplus. Eighth dividend now payable.

Capital and Surplus, $119,000 00.
Total Assets, - - - - 525,000.00.

In addition to the above it is worthy of note that we own $117,300 00 in U. S. and other bonds, which we carry at par—all of which are at a handsome premium.

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Depositors are requested to present their books to have interest entered for quarter ending December 1st, 1899.

J. W. NORWOOD, PRESIDENT. H. WALTERS, VICE-PRESIDENT.
JAS. S. WORTH, ACTING CASHIER.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE S.A.L.

VESTIBULED LIMITED TRAINS.

DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE

TO ALL POINTS

North, South and Southwest.

Schedule in Effect Nov. 5, 1899.

Train 41—Leaves Wilmington daily at 3:05 P. M., Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:40 P. M., Maxton 6:12 P. M., Laurinburg 6:24 P. M., arriving at Hamlet 6:58 P. M., where connection is made with trains for Charlotte, Athens, Atlanta and all points South, Southeast and Southwest. Also with trains for Raleigh, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Old Point Comfort, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Through sleeping cars from Hamlet to Washington and Atlanta; also through sleeping car to Portsmouth.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:48 A. M., Raleigh 3:36 P. M., Sanford 4:56 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 5:20 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45A M., Wadesboro 6:51 A. M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:32 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9.05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 P. M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Rutherfordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M. Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:10 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M. Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 3:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:30 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M. Arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:30 P. M. Arrives Hamlet 6:30 P. M.

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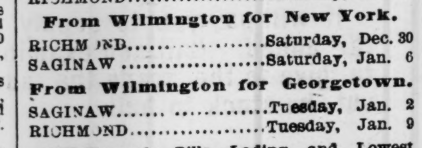

From New York for Wilmington.

SAGINAW ....Saturday, Dec. 30
RICHMOND........................Saturday, Jan. 6

From Wilmington for New York.

RICHMOND........................Saturday, Dec. 30
SAGINAW ....Saturday, Jan. 6

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

SAGINAW........................Tuesday, Jan. 2
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Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator of Ann Roberts Taylor, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them, duly verified, to George L Peschau Esq., Attorney, on or before the 19th day of November, 1900, or this notice will be plead in bar.

Dated this 18th November, 1899.

GEORGE P. TAYLOR,
Administrator Estate of Ann Roberts Taylor.

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Fault With the Dinner.

Fuddy—I was surprised that Minton should come in to dinner a half hour late. No gentleman will be late for dinner.

Duddy—A gentleman is always a gentleman. He is never late for dinner. The dinner may be too early.—Boston Transcript.

He Was Surprised.

McGinty—Pfwat's th' distance to Twinty-siventh sthreet?

Cholly—Weally I cawn't say powsitively, doncher know, but about two miles, I think.

McGinty—Begorry, Oi'm surprised to know that yez are able to think thot far.—Chicago News.

Woman's Nature

is to love children, and no home can be completely happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass is usually so full of suffering and danger that she looks forward to the critical hour with apprehension and dread. MOTHER'S FRIEND, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness and all unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system that she passes through the event safely with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold." It is sold by all druggists. Book containing valuable information to all, mailed free, upon application to the BRADFIELD REGULATOR COMPANY, Atlanta, Georgia.

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The New Czarowitz.

This young man, the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, stands in the shadow of the throne of the great White

THE GRAND DUKE MICHAEL OF RUSSIA.

Czar. He is the new czarowitz, only brother of the present czar and the last remaining male, with the exception of the czar, in the house of Romanoff.

Jefferson Davis In Granite.

The first statue of Jefferson Davis has been modeled by George Julian Zolnay of New York. It is of heroic size,

STATUE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.

the figure being 7½ feet, and it will rest on a pedestal of suitable dimensions. The entire expense of the statue has been borne by Mrs. Davis and her daughter, Mrs. Hayes of Colorado.

Queen Victoria's Chaplain.

Queen Victoria has a new chaplain. He is the Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, son of a distinguished divine of the

REV. COSMO GORDON LANG.

Church of Scotland. He is a graduate of Magdalen college, of which he was fellow and dean. He took deacon's orders in 1890 and was ordained priest in 1891 at Ripon.

Trolley Car Funerals.

Chicago has introduced the funeral trolley car. The Calumet electric line, which covers a wide expanse of terri-

FUNERAL TROLLEY CAR.

tory, is already "running" as many as five funerals a day. The popularity of the idea is gaining every week. The trolley funeral is cheaper, and it has come to stay. It costs but $11 for a motor and a trailer, with an extra charge of $3 for every additional car needed.

The Murchison National Bank.

Commenced Business March 1st, 1899.

Capital, - - - - $200,000
Net Profits, - - - 15,000

Deposits Nov. 7th, $358,835.18, every dollar of which is secured by Two Dollars, as follows:

ASSETS.

Cash in vault and in other banks	$368,880 50
Secured loans and discounts	282 349.72
U. S bonds and other cash assets	16 850 00
Stockholders' liability	200 000.00
	$768,080.22

Besides the security, we offer to patrons polite and careful attention, and all reasonable accommodation.

Foreign Exchange bought and sold.

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 858,971.54
Overdrafts		8 79
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've agt's	$ 79,160.28	
Due from other banks	169 160.99	
Cash on hand	79,331.51	—327,652 78
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		101,784.40
Circulation		41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas	$ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks	207 693 55	
Deposits from individuals	731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000.00	—1,024,408.71
Total		$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profit	76,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

☞ Last Instalment of Capital Paid in October 1892. dec 8 tf

Firecrackers and Penny Candy--

We known you remember the place to get the best Xmas Goods. But let us remind you that more Xmas Goods than usual will be sold this season, and we have bought to supply our customers—

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Eighty Acres Near Burgaw.

One 80-acre tract of Land within half mile of Burgaw. None cleared, but easily put in state of cultivation.

Valuable Farm near Greenville, N. C.

A Farm of 250 acres four miles from Greenville, one mile from House station on the Atlantic Coast Line. One hundred and eighty-five acres cleared and in fine state of cultivation. One nice two-story dwelling with six rooms. One cook room and kitchen. One office. One set two-story stables with eight stalls. Two barns. Two tobacco barns. One 16-horse power engine, gin house, gin, press, etc. All necessary machinery attached. All kinds of farming implements, including wagons, carts, tools, etc. Also, four mules and one horse. Will sell all together or the land separate.

Farm of 143 Acres

in Long Creek village, Pender county—25 acres cleared, balance well timbered. Four acres in strawberries, 2 acres in apple trees. Fine grape vine. Large two-story house. One good New Store House. All necessary out houses. Two tenant houses. Two miles from Montague, a station on Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad; sixteen miles from Wilmington. Fertile land, in a high state of cultivation. A bargain for somebody.

2,000 Acres of Land

in New Hanover county on navigable stream; borders tide water. Three clearings on place—one of 25 acres with house and outbuildings on same; two of 20 acres each; balance well timbered. Twelve miles from Wilmington. Four miles from Castle Hayne, a station on the W. & W. R. R. The nearest point of the land to the Newbern railroad is two miles.

House in Kenansville.

One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed. Known as "Birchwood Cottage," with nice office on lot; also, garden and outbuildings. Located in a desirable part of the town. Kenansville is a pleasant town to live in—famed for its pure spring water and healthy locality. James Sprunt Institute, one of the best schools in the State, is located there.

Fifty Acres of Land

One-half mile from South Washington, on the W. & W. R. R., in Pender county. Borders on county roads. Very valuable for trucking.

Property in Burgaw.

Four good Building Lots in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-half acre each.

One neat three-room House in town of Burgaw, on lot consisting of one and one-half acres. All set out in strawberries except garden and yard.

A desirable building lot in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-fourth of an acre, front ing railroad, and it is a corner lot.

Farm at Burgaw.

A desirable farm at Burgaw. The residence and about one-third of the farm within the corporate limits of the town. About twenty acres cleared; six acres in strawberries; one acre in fruit trees and grape vines. All necessary outbuildings. A nice desirable six-room residence. Farm contains 100 acres.

Tobacco and Truck Farm

Containing 265 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt. About seventy acres cleared; thirty acres of black branch land well timbered with curly yellow pine. Fine meadow land and best range for hogs, sheep and cattle. Five-room dwelling, with barn, stables and other out-houses. Nearly a half-acre in prolific grape vines. Lot of apple and plum trees. Beautiful oak and hickory grove surrounds dwelling. Good water. Admirably adapted to tobacco culture, and now has eight acres in cultivation. Also, two tobacco barns. Fences and ditches in good condition.

A Nice Farm.

A desirable farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Fifty acres is within the corporate limits of the town of Burgaw, N. C. Twenty two acres cleared. There is one nice, new three-room cottage, painted and plastered. Large stables and barns. A tenant's house, and strawberry packing house. A well of very fine drinking water. A nice orchard of 500 young fruit trees, consisting of Japan plums, peaches, pears, apples and figs.

A Real Bargain.

A desirable farm of 272 acres, three miles east of Rose Hill. Fifty acres cleared and in good state of cultivation, balance well timbered. Four-room house on premises. In good neighborhood. Will exchange for desirable house and lot in Wilmington

Farm Near Ashton.

One hundred and fifty acres two miles from Ashton, four miles from Burgaw. Four acres cleared, most of which is very fertile low land. Balance well timbered for farming purposes. Two tenant houses.

For terms, &c., address,
R. G. GRADY & CO.,
Burgaw, N. C.

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ATLANTIC & YADKIN RAILWAY.

Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53
6 50 p m	Ar......Wilmington......Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv......Fayetteville......Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar......Fayetteville......Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv......Sanford......Lv	1 43 p m
12 42 p m	Lv......Climax......Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar......Greensboro......Lv	4 25 p m
11 07 a m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv......Walnut Cove......Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv......Rural Hall......Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Lv......Mt. Airy......Ar	7 35 p m

South Bound Daily No. 64.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 65.
8 00 a m	Lv......Bennettsville......Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv......Maxton......Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv......Red Springs......Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv......Hope Mills......Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar......Fayetteville......Lv	4 33 p m

No. 46 South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	MADISON BRANCH.	No. 47. North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.
5 30 p m	Ar......Ramseur......Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv......Climax......Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar......Greensboro......Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv......Madison......Ar	11 55 a m

Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

J. R. KENLY, General Manager.
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BARIUM ROCK SPRING WATER,

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METHODIST PARSONAGE,
ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Oct 14 1898.

I can bear testimony to the great value of Barium Rock Spring Water for Eczema and other eruptive diseases of the skin. I have known MANY CASES CURED, some of them of the most stubborn character.

Truly, JESSE H. PAGE.

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Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.26 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 3.31 P. M. Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6 50 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.20 P. M., Warsaw 8.38 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.28 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M., Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11 33 A. M., Baltimore 1 46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 8.58 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.15 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.03 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. — Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8 15 A. M. Maxton 9.20 A. M., Red Springs 9 53 A. M., Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4 40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 1.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8 06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9 30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10 10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11 22 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 5.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9 15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.: arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9 15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.25 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 1.21 5A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 9.45 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.48 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.52 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only. †Daily except Sunday.

H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston........	10 12	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern........	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3 00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

aug 6 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

Welcome the New Year

with feasting and good cheer. If you intend receiving New Year's calls you will want to lay on your table the choicest that the market affords in all the relishes. Tinned and Potted Meats, Fish, Pickles, Cheese and Dressed Poultry, which we have furnished

especially for the holiday season.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
B. F. KING, Manager.

'Phone 387. Fourth Street Bridge.
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Christmas Presents

At Manufacturers' Cost.

Pocket Knives, Scissors, Razors, Table Knives, Hunting Coats, Vests, Belts, Leggins, Caps, and a thousand and one things too numerous to mention in our

Immense Hardware and House Furnishing Establishment.

Owen F. Love & Co.

Open this week every evening till 10 o'clock.

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Well, Christmas is Coming, and I Am Glad of It, Says the School Girl.

My father and mother go to town before then, and I shall put in my wants and tell them where I would go and get the nice things.

My mamma has promised to buy me a nice Cloak, and I have seen one that came from the Racket at $2 48, just like the one I want, and a Fur Collarette at $1.75 and $2 00. Some very nice ones at $4.00 and $5 00, with the Capes and Fur and Heads and Tails on it. And if my mamma will, I shall ask her to buy me some good everyday Dress Goods. Nice pretty patterns in them. Plaid remnants in 10 to 20 yard pieces at 6c. A nice new one-half Wool Dress Goods, Rough Finish, at 12½c and 15c. A splendid Plaid, bright and pretty, at 29c.

Well, my School Shoes are wearing out, and they have worn well. My papa bought them at the Racket, and I will have him to get me a pair of Goodman's best Solid Leather, Fine Shoes at Gaylord's for $1 00 a pair. My School Shoes, solid and good, he can get at 85c; and the run is large sizes, from 3's to 6's.

Look here, miss, you shan't have it all. How about that Suit I am to have at $1.50 or $2.00; and a pair of those Double-Seated Pants at 50c; and a good Cap from 10c, 15c to 25c.

Well, I want some good Undershirts and Pants. I am going to get him to bring me some of those 29c Shirts that are worth 50c. A nice Laundered Shirt at 25c. A Union Suit, a good one, at 25c; and a pair of fine Shoes at 75c or $1.00. Do you know it don't take much money to fit me up, as I do not have any fandangles. There is where you win; they do not cost much when you buy them at the right place.

Big miss, you shan't have it all. My papa says he is going to buy his baby a nice long Cloak at 75c, a pretty trimmed Hat, trimmed up to suit baby. Nice pretty styles at 75c, and a beautiful Silk baby Cap at 25c. And those little soft Christmas Shoes, laced up with red strings for 25c; Fur all around the top for 35c and 50c. And the nicest little soft warm baby Mitts at 5c.

Do you think papa can buy half of the things we want? Well, yes; they won't cost much. And he and mamma need some good Winter Clothing. I know where he trades, because he always does buy reliable, honest Goods, and gets them cheap at the Big Racket.

My mamma says she is going to buy a Carpet for her front room and her parlors, and says she can buy a good Ingrain Carpet at 29c, and good Brussels Carpet at 45c; a good Hemp Carpet for the dining room at 18c; a nice Matting for her spare room at 18c and 20c; and some Shades at 10c and 25c. Some Lace Curtains for the parlor at 98c a pair. And some nice Silkaline for a Lamberquin at 8c. And, just think, after buying these goods so cheap, the Racket Store man will give my mamma a real nice, large Willow Rocking Chair for a $25.00 purchase, a set of fine China, six Cups, six Saucers, six Plates and one large Bowl for a $25.00 purchase.

They Have About Twenty-five People Pushing Out Daily at Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROP.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To one and all, and may the coming of 1900 bring prosperity to the friends and patrons who have been kind enough to make the "New Store" Headquarters for Men's Furnishings.

A. SHRIER, OUTFITTER TO MANKIND.

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Taylor's Bazaar, 118 Market street.

A Ladies' Dollar Kid Glove, in white, black or tan, with two clasps, only 75c per pair.
Ten Dozen Ladies' Hats, stitched brim and Tam O'Shanta crown, with quill, only 50c.
Long Quills, all colors, only 5c.
Five dozen Trimmed black Felt Alpines 25c.
Rough Brim Straw Sailors, Trimmed ready to wear, 25c,
200 Capes in all styles, in price upward from $1 00.
Ten dozen Ladies' Muslin Gowns, with tucks, full size and nicely made, only 50c.

Just received a new lot of

Trimmed Millinery.

DON'T FORGET our new Toy Department at 108 Market street.

Taylor's Bazaar.

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THANKS. . . .

We thank our friends very much for their liberal patronage during 1899.

We shall do our very best to please you during 1900.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
Wilmington, N. C.

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FOR SALE.

Ten beautiful Upright Pianos in fancy cases.

Bargains for cash. Four good Square Pianos, One handsome Mathushek Baby Grand in Mahogany. All to be closed out

At Manufacturers' Cost

before removal to our new store, 109 Market street. Can save you from $50 to $100 during the holidays.

N. L. SMITH,
109 Dock street.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN CITY OF CHICAGO.

Business Houses Burned—Loss Nearly a Million Dollars—A Number of Firemen Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 30.—Fire at an early hour to day completely gutted the buildings extending from 216 to 222 Monroe street, badly damaged the building 212 214 Monroe street, caused a loss aggregating $950,000, and resulted in the injury of nine firemen. Two of them—Captain Robert O'Connor and James Wolley—were seriously injured.

The fire is supposed to have originated on the second floor of Woolley & Co., wholesale woollens, at 220 and 222 Monroe street, and fanned by a fierce northwest wind spread so rapidly that when the first fire companies arrived on the scene the whole south end of the building was a mass of flames. A second and then a third alarm was sent in, but in spite of the tons of water thrown into the burning buildings by thirty-eight engines and two fire tugs, the wind and bitter cold so hindered the firemen that for a time the entire wholesale district was in danger. The flames quickly communicated to the buildings at 219 and 218, but there their progress was finally checked. Immense brands were carried long distances and the firemen were kept busy extinguishing small fires on near by roofs.

Most of the losses are well covered by insurance.

The escape from death of Captains O'Connor, Evans and Carey, and firemen Ladden, O'Hara, and three others, was little short of miraculous. All of the men were working on the roof of the building at 216 218 Monroe street, and as the fire crept closer to the west side of the structure, the men were gradually driven toward the middle of the roof. Suddenly the east wall of the building adjoining fell with a terrific crash. An immense mass of brick and timbers crushed into the roof where Captain O'Connor and his men were at work. The roof tore away from the side and fell with a crash to the floor beneath, carrying Pipemen O'Hara and Padden down in the debris and leaving the others on the frail broken edge of the roof, high above the flames. Captain O'Connor, Lieutenant Callahan and Pipemen Fountain and Hogan finally succeeded in releasing the two unfortunate pipemen, and crawling along the shaking walls, made their way to the fire-escape and safely to the ground. After the fire had been raging an hour and a half the walls began falling and several firemen were more or less injured, James Wolley so seriously that he was taken to the hospital. The fire was the worst in years and the intense cold hampered the firemen in their work.

GEN. LAWTON'S FUNERAL.

Impressive Ceremonies at Manila—Remains Placed On Transport Thomas to be Conveyed to San Francisco.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, Dec. 30.—The funeral of General Henry W. Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo December 18th, was held to day with impressive ceremonies. The remains were conveyed from the Paco cemetery down to the Luneta, to Pasig, and thence to the transport Thomas, which sails to-morrow afternoon.

As the body was removed from the vault Chaplain Marrin read the prayers. The personal staff of the late General was augmented by Color Sergeant Simon, Trumpeter Haberkan and privates Okum and Mobursen The latter, who were closely connected with General Lawton's recent campaign, bore the casket from the vault to a six horse caisson waiting at the gate. The funeral procession was composed of the band of the Twentieth regiment, General Hall and his staff, two troops of the Fourth cavalry who were with General Lawton at the time of his death, a battery of artillery, a number of clergymen, the caisson covered with flowers, the personal staff of the general on foot, Generals Wheeler, Bates, Forsythe, Kobbe and Schwarn and Rear Admiral Watson, in their carriages, a naval battalion, Major General Otis and his staff, the foreign consuls in full dress, and the members of the Philippine Supreme Court. Native delegations from the town where General Lawton established civil governments presented wreaths. Women from the same towns waited on Mrs. Lawton yesterday and presented their condolences and flowers.

GOLD AND SILVER.

Preliminary Estimate of Production in the United States in 1899.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—The preliminary estimate of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1899, made by Mr. Roberts, the director of the mint, shows a total gold production of $70,694,170, an increase over the production of last year of $6 236,670. The production of silver during the year is estimated at $74,422 696, an increase during the year of $4,040,211. Colorado heads the list in both gold and silver production. The British Klondike gold producion is estimated at $16,114 150.

For the Appalachian States the gold production in 1899 is estimated at $327 700, and silver $9,057, against $2,068 for 1890.

A run on the Lynn, Mass., Five Cent Savings Bank began Friday because of rumors that the bank is involved in the failure of the Globe National Bank of Boston. This five cent savings bank held eighty eight shares of the Globe Stock. The surplus of the bank is a million dollars. About $40,000 was withdrawn during the day and about $14 000 was deposited.

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OPEN DOOR POLICY THROUGHOUT CHINA

Favorable Responses by Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Japan.

THE AMERICAN PROPOSITION.

The Powers Concur in Agreement to Maintain Free Entry of the Commerce of the World to All the Ports of the Chinese Empire.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—Negotiations opened by Secretary Hay with the great powers of Europe and with Japan towards securing a common understanding for a continued open door policy throughout China have met with most gratifying results. The State Department is unwilling at present to make public the nature of the replies received, as this information will be embodied in a special message to Congress. But in other quarters, thoroughly reliable and in position to have trustworthy and accurate information, it is learned that favorable responses have been made by Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia (the Russian communication coming as late as yesterday) and Japan. There is no doubt, it is thought here, that Italy, the remaining country addressed, will make favorable answer—if, indeed, it has not already done so. The position of Europe is felt to be assured by the favorable course adopted by the other four great powers of Europe.

The importance of this unanimous verdict by all the first class powers of the world—Great Britain, Russia, Germany, France, Italy and Japan—in conjunction with the United States, can hardly be over-estimated, so far as it relates to the future of China, and the commerce of the world in that empire. The State Department is loath to discuss the far reaching results to be secured when the agreement advances to the stage of formal consummation, for each favorable response is conditional on the favorable action of all the other parties, so that in each case the negotiations may be regarded as short of absolute finality. But while the department is silent the details comes from sources believed to be fully conversant with what has occurred.

According to this information, the British answer was the first to be submitted, and was exceptionally comprehensive and explicit in yielding to every suggestion made to the United States relative to maintaining the freest entry to the ports of China. The British answer is said to emphasize the concurrence with the United States by adopting, word for word, much of the phraseology employed by Secretary Hay when he addressed his original note to Great Britain and the other powers. The wording is such as to make plain that the British government concurs for the present and hereafter without limitation in a policy of free access to China.

Although much secrecy was observed in the transmission of the British answer, its general purport soon became known at the other European capitals and there was not a little irritation at what was regarded as a precipitate response, purposely designed to embarrass the continental powers by showing Great Britain and the United States to be acting in concert, while the rest of the world held aloof. But this situation was made much more satisfactory to the continental powers by their determination to act for themselves.

Germany is said to have been the next power to answer in the affirmative. According to the information already referred to, the German answer was rather more vague than the one which had preceded it, but its general tendency was favorable, the only condition being that any arrangement as to free access to China should be universal, and assented to by all of the powers.

The French answer is understood to have come next, and the circumstances attending it were rather peculiar, and not in the nature of a direct answer, although the result was regarded as most satisfactory. Secretary Hay's note had been forwarded to General Horace Porter, the United States ambassador to France, who promptly called upon M Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs in the French cabinet. General Porter made known his mission, whereupon M. Delcasse showed the most sympathetic spirit, and stated that he had already made ample answer to just such a communication, although, at the time, he had not intended it as an answer to the American note. This answer, M. Delcasse explained, was given in a speech made by him on November 24th in the French chamber. The main point of that speech, in its reference to China, was that France desired the most ample freedom of commerce. M. Delcasse referred General Porter to this speech, and told him that it fully gave assurance which the United States desired. It is said that the meeting was gratifying on both sides and that the results were considerd to be favorable to acceptance from France.

The Russian negotiations have proceeded less briskly, so that it seemed for a time that Russia's attitude might not be favorable. This was dissipated, however, by the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, in the course of interviews with Secretary Hay. On these occasions Count Cassini pointed out that a hurried answer was by no means the best evidence of a favorable attitude toward the American proposition, but that Russia was proceeding with due deliberation in order to arrive at some solid ground for a permanent understanding. The Russians were desirous of weighing the many incidental questions involved, such as the effect of the understanding of the territory known as "spheres of influence," as well as on the territory actually leased to the foreign powers, such as Talien Wan, Kiao Chau and the British and French ports. Beside giving these assurances, Count Cassini showed personally the most friendly spirit toward the American proposition, as well as being desirous of giving an answer in this case, which would be another instance of the friendly co-operation long observed between Russia and the United States. The Russian position, it is understood, is similar to those preceding it, with the same condition, that Russia alone shall not be bound, but that all of the interested countries shall join in the agreement to keep the ports of China forever open.

In what order in the negotiations Japan's favorable attitude was made known cannot be stated, but it suffices that Japan made her position unmistakable in favor of the American proposition, with the same reservation as in all the other case, that unanimity should be reached.

Although Italy is yet to be heard from definitely, no doubt is entertained that this country will be favorable, thus making complete the satisfactory responses of all the great powers.

Read the advertisement of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency in this issue of the STAR. It offers for sale some very valuable farms. †

MARINE DISASTERS.

Steamer Pelotas Ashore Near Dungeness. Other Wrecks With Loss of Life On the Coast of France.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Hamburg and South American line steamer Pelotas, from Santos for Rotterdam, went ashore near Dungeness, soon after midnight during the heavy storm. She was laden with coffee and had eight passengers on board. In spite of the heavy weather prevailing the Dungeness life-boat succeeded in reaching the steamer and remained with her all night. The Pelotas is so far in shore that she is left almost dry at low water. Her stern-post and rudder have been washed away. The captain of the Pelotas refuses assistance, and is rapidly jettisoning his cargo. Tugs are attending her and it is hoped she will be refloated at the next high tide The gale, however, continues. The Hamburg and South American line is in no way connected with the Hamburg American line.

The British sailing vessel Emily Lloyd has been wrecked near Cherbourg. The captain and twelve of her crew were drowned.

The French steamer St. Jean has been sunk near Brest. Seven of her crew were lost.

BITUMINOUS COAL MINERS.

Probability of a General Strike in the Pennsylvania Mines.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ALTOONA, PA., December 30.—Bituminous coal miners in this section met in conventiou at Portage last night and ordered a strike January 1st. About 1,000 men at the Portage, Puritan and nearby collieries are involved. Sessions were also held at Barnesboro and Batton, at which point the miners also voted a strike for the increase demanded at the recent Clearfield convention. At these places, however the men will await the action of the United Mine Workers, now in session at Indianapolis. The action of the miners is regarded in this section as the entering wedge which will result in the calling out of nearly fifty thousand miners.

ARRESTED IN NEW YORK.

Charles W. Slater, Charged With Swindling the Murray Hill Hotel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 30 —Charles W. Slater, aged 23, of Slatersville, Va., who claims to be associated with ex-United States Senator Call of Florida in railroad building in Florida, and similar enterprises in China, was to-day arraigned in the police court on the complaint of William H. H. Young, cashier of the Murray Hill Hotel, who alleges that Slater, in March and April, 1898, through the introduction of the cashier of the Grand Union Hotel, got him to cash two sight drafts amounting to $1,100 These drafts were drawn upon Robert Y. Slater, of Washington, D. C., who the defendant claimed to be his brother. The drafts were not honored. The defendant alleges that he deposited with Mr. Young $3 000 worth of bonds as security, but these, Young says, have no value. Slater was held for examination.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Ohio Legislature will convene Monday and organize. The Republicans have a majority in both branches.

The stockholders of the Meridan, Miss, cotton mills have advanced wages of all employes five per cent.

Mr. B. R. Hood, a prominent druggist of Smithfield, N. C., committed suicide at his home yesterday by taking an overdose of laudanum.

Three large seed houses and one of the meal houses of the Consumers' Oil Company, at Little Rock, Ark., owned by Chicago capitalists, were burned yesterday. The loss is $30,000, with $40,000 insurance.

Former Congressman Ben Clover, a Farmers' Alliance leader, of Kansas, committed suicide at his home in Butler county by shooting himself. Despondency was the cause.

General Andrade, late President of Venezuela, who fled on a warship when the Gastro revolution proved successful, is living quietly in Porto Rico where the American rule affords him protection.

Thirty thousand fruit trees, comprising the entire orchards of D. C. and G. M. Bacon, in Mitchell county, Ga., will be burned Monday by order of State Entomologist Scott, owing to the ravages of the San Jose scale.

The Chicago Lumber and Coal Committee of St. Louis, Mo., will erect a new saw mill in Florida capable of turning out 36,000,000 feet of lumber per year. The capital of the company will be increased from $75,000 to $1,000,000.

Two Italians were fatally and several others injured, in a dynamite explosion at Pittsburg, Pa. They were blasting in a cut and sought to thaw out some frozen dynamite by placing it on a hot stove, with the usual result.

Auditor Uriah B. Grogers, of the Chicago and West Michigan and Detroit and Grand Rapids and Western railroads, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head. Despondence over a long illness, and severe nervous strain are the probable causes.

The Chinese minister, at Washington has received a dispatch from China stating that Li Hung Chang has been appointed actiog viceroy of two provinces in the south of China, an honor said to be analagous to that of viceroy of India.

The West Coast Naval Stores Company, with a paid-up capital of $150,000, will begin business in Tampa, Fla., with the new year. The company has been doing business at Pensacola, but has concluded that Tampa is the best base for their operations.

The Democratic leaders in Kentucky assert that they will organize both houses of the Legislature Tuesday. They say that in no event will more than a half dozen of the anti-Goebel Democrats vote for the candidates of the anti Goebel and Republican coalition, if a slate is put up by that side.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, increase $784,000; loans, increase $373,500; specie, decrease $466,200; legal tenders, increase $1,163,000; deposits, decrease $348,800; circulation, increase $45,000. The banks now hold $11,168,073 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

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BRITISH SORTIE FROM LADYSMITH.

General Buller Believed to be Preparing for Another Advance Movement.

THE FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

Boers Report Repulse of the British Attack With Severe Loss—German Steamer Seized by a British Cruiser and Taken to Durban As a Prize.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 30.—The reported sortie from Ladysmith, resulting in the capture of a Boer position, is not confirmed. A Chieveley dispatch, dated yesterday, shows renewed activity of the British, apparently preparatory to some extent. The Boer position eastward of the camp was thoroughly reconnoitered yesterday. The naval guns are engaged in daily practice and it is said on good authority that thirty or forty Boers have been killed by the firing during two days. A dispatch from Durban predicts that Ladysmith will be relieved on or about January 7th. There is some disposition to believe that Gen. Buller is preparing another attempt to advance, this time by an attack on the Boer position on Ishlawe mountain

The government has accepted 125 Ceylon volunteers, mostly planters, and has also accepted the offers of Indian princes to supply horses.

A Sortie From Mafeking.

LORENZO MARQUES, Dec. 29.—Advices received here from Pretoria under date of Wednesday, December 27th, say that an official dispatch from Mafeking announces that in the sortie which the British made from that place December 25, attacking one of the Boer forts with cannon, Maxim and an armored train so persistently that the fighting raged up to the walls of the fort, the British lost 109 men killed and wounded, while the Boers only lost two men killed and seven wounded.

The dispatch adds that Captains Kirkwood and Crenfell were captured by Boer scouts near Colenso and were being sent to Pretoria.

The German steamer Bundesrath, belonging to the German East African line, has been captured as a prize and taken to Durban. The Bundesrath arrived here from Mozambique.

Boers Make a Night Attack.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 29.—The troops in the British camp of Victoria West turned out last night to repel an attempt of the Boers to cut the railroad near the station. A patrol reported early in the evening that they had sighted the Boers in the neighborhood. At 10 o'clock at night the Boers opened a heavy fire near the station.

The British replied and the Boers retired at daybreak, their attempt having turned out a failure.

The two masted schooner Rabboni, Capt. Thurston, bound from Providence for New York with a cargo of empty barrels, was last night dragging her anchors on Long Island sound and was likely to go ashore before morning. All the crew, numbering six, have been rescued.

Four men were killed and several others injured by a boiler explosion one mile west of Elizabethtown, Pa., yesterday morning.

All Well at Ladysmith.

LONDON, Dec. 31, 4:30 A. M.—During the night of December 28, Lady smith and Chieveley Camp were in communication, the former reporting "all well." While the signalling was in progress the Boers attempted to muddle the messages with flash lights from each extremity of their long entrenched line. The naval brigade shelled the Boer positions, which were plainly revealed by the lights The naval battery resumed the shelling of the Boer trenches on the morning of December 29th, but their fire failed to elict any sign of life.

DURBAN, December 29.—The British cruiser Magicienne seized the German steamer Bundesrath in north Delagoa bay. She will be brought before a prize court.

LORENZO MARQUES, December 30.—the capture of the Bundesrath has increased the already strong anti British feeling here of the Hollander and German sections of the population.

LONDON, December 30.—A representative of the Associated Press has learned that there were three German officers and twenty men, attired in khaki and intending to serve the Boers, on board the Bundesrath, which explains her capture.

Regarding traffic generally on the east coast of Africa, the British admiralty officials say the British government desires that all ordinary and legitimate trade conducted by foreign vessels should suffer as little restriction as possible.

Boer Advices.

PRETORIA, Friday, Dec. 29.—Three British prisoners from Malapo report that Captains Vernon and Sandford of Colonel Baden-Powell's staff were killed during the engagement in which Lords Edward Cecil and Cavendish Bentinck were wounded. The object of the sortie was to capture Boer cannon. The losses of the British were very severe. The "Long Tom" injured at Ladysmith has been repaired and is being replaced.

The new contract reducing the price of dynamite instituted by the Raad in August was registered December 28th between the government and the factory.

FIGHTING THE FILIPINOS.

Col. Lockett Had Another Engagement With the Insurgents Near Montalban.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, December 31.—Colonel Lockett has had a second engagement with the insurgents northwest of Montalban, and by a brilliant charge drove the enemy from their position. Only one American officer and five soldiers were wounded, but the loss of the insurgents was heavy. The troops captured a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition and provisions.

Fire Chief Croker estimates the loss of Friday night's fire which destroyed the wall paper factory of William Campbell & Company, New York, at $750,000.

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FIRE AT MOUNT OLIVE.

Oldest Dwelling in That Section Destroyed Friday Morning With Contents.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

MT. OLIVE, December 29th, '99.

Mrs. G. T. Loftin lost a tenant house Friday morning by fire. The house was the oldest one in this section, known as the "old Polock house," estimating it as 65 and some as 100 years old. It was totally destroyed. The amount of loss on the building is $400. Mr. W. E. Wilkinson had crates and peas stowed in the upper story and they were all lost. The value is about $200, and Mr. Bob Fulghem, who was the tenant, saved most of his household goods. There was no insurance.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

Accident Near Spartanburg, S. C.—Two Men Fatally Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec 30.—A special to the *Observer* from Spartanburg, S. C., says:

A freight train ran into a construction train near Duncan station, ten miles from here, this afternoon. Philip Matchett, of the Phoenix Bridge Company, was instantly killed. Matchett was from Pennsylvania. Henry Foster, colored, of Clifton, S. C., was fatally injured.

The freight train was badly wrecked and several cars were thrown down an embankment. The engineer and fireman escaped with slight bruises.

THE ROBERTS CASE.

Will Not Come Up for Action Before the the Middle of January.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—Representative Tayler of Ohio, chairman of the special committee investigating the Roberts case, says that the case will not come up for action in the House before the middle of January. The arguments will begin January 4th. When they are finished the committee will form its conclusion. Then the report must be written. As it will be exhaustive the greatest care will be required in its preparation and Mr. Tayler does not think the case will reach the House before the middle of the month.

EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

The Compositors and Pressmen in White Turbans and Bare Legs.

I went the other day to see the editor of an Arab newspaper in Cairo. His office is a disused palace. All new khedives build new palaces in this country, so that it is difficult to find a house of any size that has not begun life as a palace. In the middle wing sits the editor writing his leader—a string of Arabic cobwebs down a narrow slip of paper. The editor is a stout man in fez, blue serge and yellow elastic sided boots, with two warts on his nose and a deep blue dimple on his chin. He writes in a light overcoat, with a rug over his knees, for it is a very cold winter—clouds half way over the blue sky, and you must shut your windows by 5.

He has just finished a slip of copy. He rings a bell, and there comes in a little, brown faced devil in a fez, blue gown, bare brown legs and slippers. "May you see the office? Of course." And out we go to the left hand wing of the palace. Here are about six bare rooms, all open to the others, the plaster peeling here and there from the high walls. Here stand the cases of curly Arab type—bigger than ours, because the language has more symbols. Here are the bare legged compositors at work. In the next room the paper is going to press on the old fashioned sort of machine. As the white turbaned, brown legged, white bicycle skirted native turns at the wheel for his life the half printed sheets swing slowly over, one after another, a maze of twirls and dots and quiggles that you would say no man on earth could read.

And not many can. The subeditors can, of course—four grave faced young men in the inevitable fez and overcoat, solemnly translating from The Times. They salaam respectfully, and when the Englishman, who looks as if he had money, returns their salute, as, being brother journalists, it surprises them much. "But," says the editor, "our circulation is as large as any in the east, but not large enough to necessitate a rotary machine. Yet we sell 5,000 copies daily. It is something in a place like this. It is difficult. Other native papers are subsidized by France or Turkey or others. We, because we are independent, must shift for ourselves. Still it grows and grows. Our paper is read in India and Somaliland."—London Mail.

Where the Great Forests Are.

A table in Science shows that Canada leads all other countries in the extent of her forests. She possesses 799,230,720 acres of forest covered land, as against 450,000,000 acres in the United States. Russia is credited with 498,240,000 acres, about 48,000,000 more than the United States. India comes next with 140,000,000 acres. Germany has 34,347,000 acres, France 23,466,450 and the British islands only 2,695,000. The table does not include Africa or South America, both of which contain immense forests. It may surprise some readers to learn that the percentage of forest covered land is larger in several European countries, Germany for instance, than in the United States.

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DOG ORDINANCE..

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Wednesday, Dec. 27th, the Following Ordinance Was Adopted:

"The Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington do Ordain:

"That on and after the passage of this Ordinance, all dogs, whether male or female, licensed or unlicensed, shall be kept by their owner or keeper on the owner's or keeper's premises and so restrained as to prevent their running at large on the public streets or other premises Any owner or keeper of a dog who shall violate the foregoing provision of this Ordinance shall be fined Five Dollars for each and every offence.

"Any dog found running at large on the public streets of this city, or within the corporate limits, shall be impounded, and the owner thereof be required to pay Five Dollars for the release of any dog so impounded, within twenty-four hours or, failing so to doo, the dog or dogs shall be killed. Any citizen of this city is hereby authorized and empowered to impound in the public pound any dog found running at large or off its owner's or keeper's premises.

"Any person conducting any dog through the public streets is required to have the same muzzled or chained or under his control, under a penalty of Five Dollars for each and every violation of this provision of this Ordinance.

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